



Senate Bill No. 313

Special Act No. 14-3

AN ACT CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN WIC AND SENIOR NUTRITION FARMERS' MARKET PROGRAMS BY CERTAIN NONPROFIT FARMERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 22-6g to 22-6q, inclusive, of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Agriculture shall implement a pilot program to authorize not more than three individual, not-for-profit farmers who engage in the cooperative retail marketing of Connecticut-grown farm products to participate as vendors in both the Connecticut Farmers' Market/Women, Infants and Children Program and the Connecticut Farmers' Market/Senior Nutrition Program. Such pilot program shall have a duration of two years. The commissioner may prescribe the requirements for participation in such pilot program. Following the completion of such pilot program, the commissioner shall, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to agriculture on such pilot program. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations concerning the need for a permanent program to authorize individual, not-for-profit farmers who engage in the cooperative retail marketing of Connecticut-grown farm products to participate as vendors in both

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the Connecticut Farmers' Market/Women, Infants and Children Program and the Connecticut Farmers' Market/Senior Nutrition Program.

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